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REPLACE TRADES DAYS WITH MONTHLY FAIRS

Offer Prizes For Best Exhibits Instead Of Plan Formerly Used

The Trades Day committee of the retail merchants of the city is planning soon to inaugurate and hold each month small county fairs, in place of the unusual trades days that have been held regularly here the past few months. The next regular trade day will be held March 7, as announced, but thereafter the new plans will be followed out.

The idea is to hold a small county fair every month at the market square, giving prizes for the best exhibits. One month, the exhibits would consist of displays of canned fruits, vegetables, etc.; next month poultry; next month, livestock, etc., until every product of the soil and farm will have been exhibited.

By this method it is believed the farmers will be aided much more than if prizes are given for lucky ticket holders. Agriculture and horticulture will be encouraged by the county fair, just as it is by the annual county fairs, and the farmers will be aided in a small way financially by the prizes they win by displaying better products.

The committee in charge of trades day is R. V. Hiltbrand, A. P. Russell and Galen McKinney.

MISS BUIE RESIGNS

Miss Fannie Buie, who has been home demonstrator for this county for some two years, has handed in her resignation to take effect February first, and henceforth is to have charge of the cafeteria at the Normal school. Miss Buie is the best Demonstrator Agent Bryan County ever had, one who knew her business, indefatigable in her work and a gentlewoman with whom it is a pleasure to deal.

PIRTLE BOYS NOT GUILTY

They had quite some trial in Justice Archibald's court this week when four Pirtle boys, charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace at Pirtle on Christmas day, were found not guilty by a jury. The boys thus acquitted were Guy, Claude, Chas. Decker and Clint Pirtle.

LIMIT PUBLIC GATHERINGS AS SMALLPOX PRECAUTION

The City Council at McAlester has decided that no public gatherings, schools or picture shows should be conducted in McAlester unless attendance is limited to persons holding physician's certificates of immunity from smallpox. School children and poor people are being vaccinated free.

City inspectors will be placed at picture shows and other places to examine certificates. The order goes into effect Tuesday evening. There is only one case of the disease in the city and that was contracted in another city. But every precaution is being used to prevent the spread of the disease.

FT. WORTH JUDGE RAPS THE VOLSTEAD ACT

If the bootleggers were in the Texas penitentiary, nine-tenths of the crime prevalent would cease, and to put the bootleggers out of business Texas officials must launch prosecution in its own State courts—the Federal prohibition is almost non-enforceable, convictions too difficult to obtain, and punishment is too light, is what Judge Ben M. Terrell, who presides over the Sixty-Seventh District Court in Tarrant County, today told citizens in a crowded courtroom at Ft. Worth Monday.

He asserted that not a single person has been sent to the penitentiary through the Federal court for the Northern District of Texas for the violation of liquor laws, and pointed to the five in the penitentiary from the Criminal District Court as "proof that the Dean law is more effective than the Federal statute."

BETTER ENGLISH WEEK BEING OBSERVED THIS WEEK

The Southeastern State Teacher's College is making a strong bid for "Better English" by observing this week as a reminder in the use of good English. It is good bye to such sayings as: "wuz," "aint," "they was," "he don't," "I seen," "has rang," "I taken," "he give," "he come," "have wrote," "it's me" and the like.

POSTMASTER AT BLUE CHARGED WITH THEFT

John P. Roach Arrested For Shortage And Released On Bond

John P. Roach, postmaster at Blue, was arrested Tuesday by Deputy United States Marshall, R. O. Sumpter, on a charge of having a shortage of \$1,343.04 in his office. Before U. S. Commissioner J. V. Connell, he waived preliminary hearing, his bond was set at \$1,500, which he made and was released.

Roach's case will be set for trial for either the federal court at Vinita in March, or the Tulsa court which will be held in April.

Roach was removed from office January 19, when the shortage was discovered. He admitted he had taken various sums from the office from time to time, since he has been in office, Deputy Marshall Sumpter said. Roach has been in the post office at Blue for about a year and a half, and was well thought of by his neighbors. Wilson J. Beal of Blue was appointed postmaster at this office temporarily. A permanent appointment will probably be made at Washington soon.

SIX DRAW LIFE TERMS OVER NEGRO LYCHING

Three White Men and Three Negroes Plead Guilty To Lynching

Three white men and two negroes, five of the seven men held in connection with the hanging of Jake Brooks, negro packing house worker, went before the Oklahoma County District Court Tuesday afternoon and entered pleas of guilty and were immediately sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor in the State penitentiary. The men are Lee Whitney, 28; Charles Poul and Elmer Yearta, both 19, all white and Robert Allen, 27, and Nathan Butler, 40 negroes.

Robert McAlester and John Harris, white men, are also held in connection with the hanging of Brooks. The men sentenced are said to have been union pickets watching the packing plants where a strike was in progress. The negro they admit having lynched was a strike breaker.

Governor Robertson instructed the attorney general to take charge of the prosecution of all persons arrested as a result of the lynching. The day following, Oscar Smith entered a plea of guilty to complicity in the lynching and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS

The Sunday Schools slipped back again Sunday after almost reaching the 2,000 mark on the previous Sunday. There were 1,866 present compared to 1,979 on the previous Sunday. The Methodist gained in attendance, the Church of Christ and Nazarine held their own, but the others lost. The Methodist fell one short of tying the Baptist.

The Methodist men's Bible class was the biggest in the city as was the Methodist Women's class. Other men's and women's classes held up in attendance well.

The records as given out by the superintendents were as follows:

Church	Att.
Baptist	452
Methodist	451
Presbyterian	303
Christian	287
Church of Christ	166
Nazarine	127
Grace Methodist	80
Total	1,866

D. S. MacDonald has returned from Sherman Hospital where he was confined for some ten days with illness. He is much improved.

HEALTH OFFICER SAYS NO SMALLPOX IN CITY

However There Are Some Few Isolated Cases Throughout the County

Dr. R. E. Sawyer, city health officer, issued a statement Wednesday in which he denies reports that there are several cases of smallpox in the city of Durant, and in which he asserts positively that there is not a single case of the disease in the city and no cause for any alarm. He says however that there are a few cases of smallpox in the county but not to an alarming extent.

As a means of prevention Dr. Sawyer, Dr. D. Armstrong, county health officer, and for that matter, every physician in the county are recommending that everyone who has not done so be vaccinated. Ample virus is available, they assert, for the purpose. Persons who are unable to pay the fee for vaccination will be vaccinated without charge, according to reports given the News.

Mayor R. P. Bowles, issues a statement at the same time in which he urges vaccination, and requests parents, teachers and guardians of children to see that it is done.

1,400 GLITS IN TWO YEARS FROM JUST 34

Fifty More Boys To Get A "Bank" Gilt Next Monday

On January 17, 1920, thirty-four pure-bred Duroc-Jersey glits were furnished to 34 Bryan county boys by the Banks of the county, under a contract providing that in the fall the boys were each to give the banks in return two young glits from their gilt's litter of pigs. In two years the 34 glits have grown into more than 1,400 fine glits and several times as many boys are now enabled to get a pure-bred gilt with which to start a good herd as before.

County Farm Agent Dunlap announces that there are now available some fifty more of these fine glits for that many boys. At ten o'clock Saturday morning, January 28, the boys will present themselves to the Chamber of Commerce and sign up the necessary papers and draw for their glits. Monday following the glits will be delivered to the boys from Floyd Hagood's place just out of the city limits on the Jefferson Highway to the north.

COL. O'NEIL INSPECTS DURANT GUARD COMPANIES

Col. Patsy O'Neil, was here Wednesday to inspect the Durant Howitzer Company, concerning which he was very complimentary in his remarks, characterizing the company as in first class condition. Durant has three companies of Guardsmen now, all of which has passed a very satisfactory annual inspection, the other two being the infantry company and the headquarters company.

Col. O'Neil attended the regular meeting of the American Legion held Wednesday night at the Legion hut on Main street and made an interesting and helpful address to the Legionnaires present.

During the war Col. O'Neil was a brigadier general with the 90th division in which were large numbers of Bryan county boys.

NEW CATHOLIC PRIEST

Bishop Theophile Meetschaert of Oklahoma City, has appointed Rev. Francis Luckinbill, as pastor of the local Catholic Church, replacing Rev. H. Kickx, who has returned to his home at Ghent, Belgium on leave of absence. Rev. Luckinbill is a member of the faculty of the Oklahoma Catholic University at Shawnee, and will supply the local church each Sunday, first services being at ten o'clock Sunday. A resident priest will not be available until in the fall.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY SOON TO BE FEDERALIZED

Complete roster of members and enlistment papers, of Durant Headquarters company have been sent to Adjutant General Chas. F. Barrett, and the company will be federalized soon. As soon as this has been done, complete equipment will be sent for use of the company, including the radio and wireless set, according to Lieutenant Geo. C. Pendleton, company commander. Instruction in radio and wireless work will start as soon as the equipment arrives. The aerial and wireless will be set up at the armory. On this instrument the operators will be able to catch messages from all parts of the country, and probably from foreign lands. The company is well supplied with men experienced in radio and telegraph service and mechanics who understand the workings of the wireless as well as serving their state as guardsmen. Lieut. Ralph Ownby commands the radio detachment.

DECISION CUTS DOWN RAILROADS EXPRESS

What the railroads declare will amount to an annual saving of \$50,000,000 in normal traffic times is lopped off the pay of 300,000 railroad clerks freight handlers, express and station employees in a decision made public by the United States Railroad Board in abrogating certain overtime working agreements and making important changes in others. The most important changes in the rules are abolition of time-and-a-half overtime until nine hours have been worked and the re-establishment of a pre-war time rule allowing railroads to employ men on "split tricks" in small towns where work is intermittent.

OBSTRUCTING A HIGHWAY

The county attorney's office has filed information against Daniel Johnson and Joe Tom Sawyer of the Lone Oak community northeast of Durant, charging them with obstructing a public highway, and they will have a hearing in Justice court soon. It is charged that they built a fence across a road.

BRYAN COUNTY LEADS STATE IN S. S. WORK

State Convention To Be Held At Tulsa, March 28-29-30.

According to a letter from the State Sunday School secretary, Bryan county has made more progress in Sunday School work the past two years than any other county in Oklahoma. The statement was made in a letter to J. B. Hickman, State Vice President, and member from Oklahoma of the executive committee of the International Sunday School Association.

The State convention this year is to be held at Tulsa, March 28, 29 and 30, and preparations are now being made on the program.

It is the wish of the county officers that every Sunday School in Bryan county might have one or more delegates to the State meeting.

FRENCH WANT TO OCCUPY GERMAN TERRITORY STILL

The new French Government, headed by former President Poincaré as Premier, is now at the head of the French affairs. The new Premier has indicated a demand for the recognized right of France to occupy German territory on the Rhine until the last mark of the German indemnity is paid, even though that occupation may extend beyond the fifteen years prescribed by the Versailles treaty.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO MEET HERE FRIDAY

The meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee did not happen last Friday, the inclement weather kept most of the delegates away, but the meeting will be held Friday afternoon of this week. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a chairman and vice chairman and perfect the county organization.

GETS A PAVING JOB

The E. C. Baum Construction Company of Durant has been awarded a nice paving contract at Sulphur, Oklahoma, the contract price being \$93,912.50. It is to be concrete base and asphalt top.

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